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News from the White Plains Public Library

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Congratulations to Tracey T., the latest winner of an Uno's White Plains gift card in our monthly drawing of e-mail signups!

Forward this to a friend so they can get in on the next drawing!

Dear Friend,

Yes, we know. This is an incredibly busy time of the year--between the many holidays, school vacation, friends visiting, kids home from college--well, you get the picture. But we've got some great programs coming up you won't want to miss; check out our [calendar](#).

Or maybe you just need a little peace and quiet? We've got that too, as well as the latest DVDs to enjoy with family and friends.

Happy holidays!

Foundation Events Roundup

The Foundation's **20th Anniversary Gala** was a great success! 200 community members attended the event, which raised \$80,000 to support vital library programs for all ages.

A portion of the proceeds will be used for The Hub, our new adult library, which begins construction in 2016. At the Gala, we screened a "virtual journal" with a



Honoree Phil Klay and Mayor Tom Roach at Gala

retrospective of Foundation-supported projects, and greetings from our donors and sponsors. [Click here to view the video.](#)



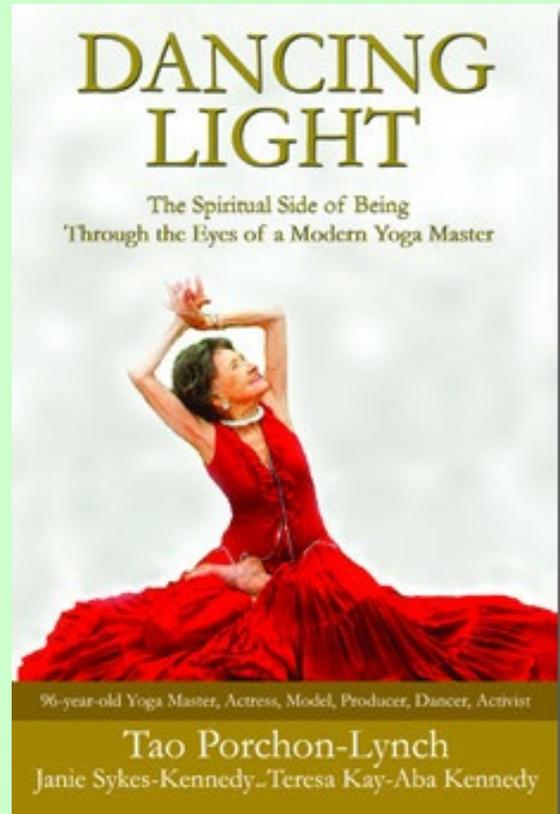
And mark your calendars now for the Foundation's **Second Annual Teen and Adult Spelling Bee**, Friday, March 11 (March 18 snow date), 7:30 p.m. at Highlands Middle School. For questions about team sign-up, call Libby Hollahan at 914-422-1495. General admission will be \$5 per person. Proceeds will support The Hub.

Meet Tao Porchon-Lynch, World's Oldest Yoga Teacher

World War Two French Resistance Fighter, model, actress, film producer, ballroom dancer, and yoga master 97-year-old Tao Porchon Lynch truly exemplifies her mantra: "there is nothing you cannot do."

Called the real "Forrest Gump," Tao participated in historic events most of us only read about, from marching with Mahatma Gandhi to modeling for couture houses such as Coco Chanel and Lanvin.

Meet Tao and here her discuss her new book *Dancing Light, the Spiritual Side of Being* on Sunday, January 17, 2 to 3:00 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



Food Bank for Westchester Now Distributing Food at Library

The big Kraft Mobile Food Pantry--pictured below--is now making monthly stops at the Library , sponsored by the Food Bank for Westchester and with the generous support of the Ridgeway Alliance Church.



The program reaches the underserved--seniors, the disabled, the homebound, the working poor--who often have limited access to fresh, nutritious food. The Kraft Mobile Food Pantry has refrigeration and freezer units enabling the distribution of meats, dish, dairy and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The service reaches the first 100 households, and participants are asked to bring a box, cart or re-usable bags to carry the food. No advance registration is required.

The Kraft Pantry parks on the Library Plaza, on the right side of the building. The next distribution dates are December 23 and January 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. both dates.

Help us transform lives every day through a gift to our Year-end Appeal

Please consider a gift to the White Plains Library Foundation in your year-end giving by making a [secure online donation now](#). Your support will help us provide library resources for all ages that promote literacy, education, career development, personal enrichment, and more.

Thank you!



Celebrating our Second "Edge-i-versary!"



Librarian Kathlyn Carroll leads a craft workshop

The Edge, our teen library, has been open for two years now, and is a huge hit with teens.

Over 50 teens visit nearly every day--that's about 17,500 visits a year! The Foundation is truly grateful to our donors for creating a welcoming space for teens to learn and socialize, and

for your ongoing support of teen programs.

Teens at our "Edge-i-versary" party shared their favorite thing about The Edge--

- I can talk freely to all the librarians.
- We learn new things every day!
- I like making new friends here and I like doing 3D Printing Day.
- I can get my homework done.

and some of their favorite Edge memories:

- When I went to the game-making program.
- When we sewed (T-shirt tote bags).
- When I did a social studies project with my friend.
- When we made the 3D snowflakes.
- Playing chess with Austin and Santiago.
- When we made cards for soldiers with Kat and friends.
- Being with my friends and playing the PS4.

Have a question or comment? Drop us a line.

Sincerely,

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